Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas

And A Happy New Year!

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Christmas and New Years holidays mark the close of 1968 and the beginning of 1969. The past year has been a memorable one for Mercury as our eagerly awaited new plant facility was started in Richmond. Next year promises to be even more exciting as we move into our new building and face the challenges of the future.

At this time of Christmas music, parties and gift exchange, may I simply and sincerely wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

L. R. Shaw

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MONTHLY HOUSEKEEPING CONTEST PLANNED UNDER SAFETY PROGRAM

A "Good Housekeeping" trophy will be selected similar to the one above showing The Winning Department in each particular month.

The maintenance of clean and orderly work areas is a vital part of a safety program. Realizing this essential aspect of safety, the Executive Safety Committee has designed a monthly good housekeeping contest to promote some friendly competition between the production departments in our Plant. Inasmuch as sound safety practice starts with the individual, each employee should enthusiastically support this program for his own benefit and for the benefit of his fellow workers. Each day is certain to be more pleasant if your work is performed in a neat, clean, and orderly environment.

The contest will begain in January. Near the end of each month an inspection committee will inspect each department for compliance with good housekeeping and safety practices. This committee will be guided by a check list of items to be inspected and each area will be guided by a point system so that departments will be judged as uniformly and as impartially as possible. The department receiving the highest number of points will be the winning department for that particular month and will receive a trophy, which will be theirs to display in the department until the next monthly inspection and contest.

Which department will be the first to win this new award? It is up to you and your co-workers in your department - how actively will you participate in good housekeeping for a better and safer place to work in?

CREDIT UNION NEWS

Credit Union members are reminded to plan to attend the annual membership meeting to be held sometime in the latter part of January. (A memo will be posted later as to the time and place.) At this meeting new officials will be elected to the board of directors, credit committee, and supervisory committee. There will also be a presentation of our progress in 1968 and a discussion of our plans for the future.

It is interesting to note that we now have over 300 members in the Credit Union and that, as of this date 196 loans have been made to employees this year in the amount of $65,109 (since the organization of the Credit Union there have been 620 employee loans totaling $149,802).

The Credit Union provides a worthwhile service to employees. If you are a member, arrange to attend the annual meeting in January and support your Credit Union. Incidentally, we are in need of volunteers to serve on Credit Union Committees. Anyone interested in serving should contact Gerald Sharp or Chuck Turner.

SALARIED EMPLOYEES ATTEND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party was attended by approximately 175 salaried employees and guests on Saturday evening, December 7.

Ted Stephen, Chairman for the social affair, did a fine job of arranging a pleasant and enjoyable evening of dinner and dancing. After appetites were satisfied by a delectable turkey dinner, The Other Five, a combo from Muncie, came on strong to provide excellent musical entertainment for listening as well as dancing.

Five lucky employees were happy recipients of tape recorders when their names were drawn for prizes early in the evening. Each of the prize winners received a Mercury TR 5000 tape recorder.

The Other Five "came alive" with a big sound at 9 P. M. and so did many dancers among the salaried employees.

Editorial

A GREATER SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN 1969 ?

There is a spiritual revolution taking place in the world and it is not difficult to discern the signs of it in all forms of expression. We find calls for universal love and peace in music, art, pulpit, and press.

In this year of 1968, the world is not everything we would like it to be. We have a talent for organization and a positive genius for making things - tools and machines that are marvelously intricate and precise. Yet, among ourselves, we have never been able to fashion anything except the uneasiest kind of peace on earth, a hesitant, suspicious attempt at goodwill toward men.

It seems that only once a year, at Christmas, we collectively catch a glimpse of the vision of what the world might be if our ability to produce could be matched by an ability to understand and to realize a spiritual oneness in our relationship.

Our shortcomings are many and glaring. Even today many people of this world go to bed hungry every night. We live under the fearful shadow of our own new-found ability to make the earth a dead and shattered star, drifting lifeless through space.

How can we individually and collectively accelerate the spiritual revolution to realize its goal of a world filled with the spirit of love, brotherhood peace, and prosperity? What is the way? The Wayshower, Christ Jesus, whose birthday we are about to celebrate gave this summation of the way: ***"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets". Matthew 23: 37-40***

I am persuaded that the love he speaks of here is not the common human misconception of love which often involves sticky sentimentality or a bargaining for love, but a love which involves the constant conscious effort to realize that every neighbor -regardless of race, religion, color, or creed- throughout the world is a spiritual being and a part of one spiritual family having one Source. The Source being the one whom Jesus of Nazareth called the Father.

-- Assistant Editor

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ENGINEERING/ MANUFACTURING

The last of our fathers-in-waiting has come through. Carol and Tony Norton have a new daughter, Cinda Marie, born December 8.

We would like to welcome Bob Wight, our new Plant Engineering Manager, to the group.

There are two birthdays for December Dave Steed on the 2nd and Betty Bailey on the 31st.

The Company salaried Christmas party was enjoyed by those of us who attended.

Our office has gone through some major rearrangements. If you are not able to find your way around yet, do not feel bad, we can't either.

Our trees and decorations are up and names have been drawn for the Christmas exchange. All we have to do now is wait.

Reporter ..... Betty Bailey

OUR COVER

The front and back covers of this Christmas issue of The Turntable were selected to graphically represent both sides of the traditional Christmas celebration; the decorative and gift - giving side of the holiday is illustrated by the front cover, while the back cover serves as a remembrance of the spiritual side of Christmas.

You may recognize the front cover, (except for the Mercury logo with - Santa Claus-hat added by yours truly), as the album cover for one of our popular Christmas LP releases (PKW-110) featuring Patti Page. A stained glass design depicting Madonna and Child serves as our back cover and is a painting by Ardis Reed, Production Control, who is also one of our Turntable reporters.

- Ass't. Editor

SPECIAL NOTE ON CAFETERIA CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Miller and Clark, Inc., vendors for our cafeteria, financially contributed for the purchase of Christmas decorations for the cafeteria. A special note of appreciation goes to Mary Cappa who selected the wall and table decorations and arranged them in a very attractive display. Well done, Mary.

RECORD FINISHING

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, then in the dead of winter Mr. Stork arrives. Such is the case of this reporter, Margie Roberts, who became a grandmother again. Christy Gale was born December 5 to Tom and Donna Perry.

Tragedy struck a member of our department. David Weaver's sister, Wanda, was killed in an automobile accident December 2. Our heart-felt sympathy goes out to him.

Welcome back, Zelma.

Turkey Day is past and Old St. Nick is just around the corner. We wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas.

Birthdays: Elnora Lakes, December 1; Helen Walker, December 24; Joyce Schweizer, January 25.

Reporter ..... Margie Roberts

SPECIAL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF MERCURY'S NEW PLANT

By Marvin Higgs

Do you like the blue siding on our new plant?

The overall building project is presently about a week and a half behind schedule -- seems to be no immunity to flu among construction contractors and their crews, as well as others.

The work of laying the concrete block is nearing completion, the metal roof deck is nearly all in place, and the metal siding is going into place quickly now. The roofers are working to complete the roof installation and all are racing with Old Man Weather. The Contractors see nothing to stop them once they get completely out of the weather.

The concrete slab has been poured over the Press Room basement and the backfill around the basement walls has been partly completed.

If you have driven by the site lately, you have noticed many lights throughout the building. The electrical contractors have also received and installed many of the Radiant Lamp Company ballasts for the warehouse mercury lamps system.

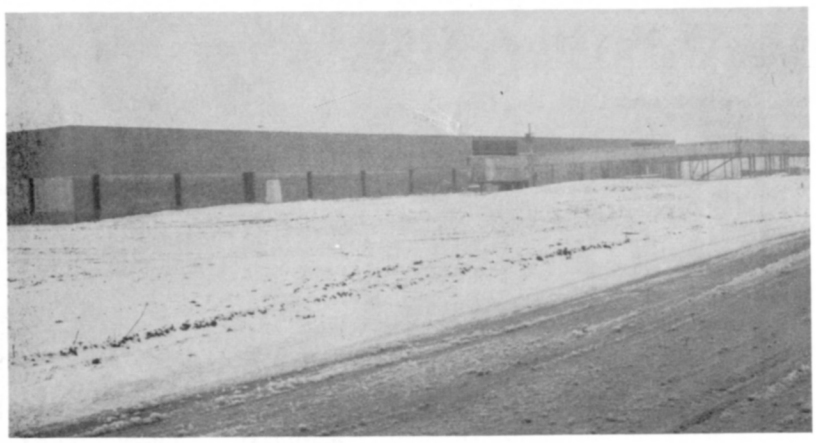
The gas and water mains have been completed and both services are into the building. The power lines to the front of the building are temporary, and will be replaced soon by a permanent set of poles and lines, which will enter across the property from the east boundry to extend along the north edge of the parking lot to the transformer, which will be located outside the south wall of the Equipment Room.

The telephone lines will enter the office wing in underground conduit from the pole located on Rich Road in front of the building.

The new utility road to the truck docks is completed and will be used entirely for truck traffic to and from our plant.

Underground installation of sewer lines, floor drain lines, the waste treatment tank, water lines and roof drain lines are in progress presently in the production-half of the building. All of this of course must be completed before the floor slabs are poured. Filling, grading, and compaction operations are also underway in the warehouse and distribution-half of the building in preparation for pouring the perimeter section of that concrete slab floor also.

(NOTE: Photos shown in this article were taken on December 18- a bleary and snowy day not made for taking photos, so please excuse the washed-out effect of our pictures.
-Ass't Editor)



Front view of new building looking northeast.

Southeast corner of new plant - employee entrance and cafeteria are located at this corner. Large employee parking area is to the right. (More photos on next page.)

(Report on new plant continued)

Northeast corner of building showing general areas of Compression, Injection, and Power Plant

Looking west toward general offices this area does not have the roof or siding erected at present.

PURCHASING

The Purchasing Department had a going away party for Mrs. Kaye Miller, who joined her husband for a two-week vacation in Oklahoma City, where her husband was completing aviation training. They are now residing in Indianapolis. Kaye received a sewing basket and blouse as going away presents.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Patterson on the arrival of a new grandchild, Molly Ann born December 11, 1968. Mr. Patterson also received word that his son, Ronald Eugene, an Army Training Sgt. in Germany had been awarded the Bronze Star and Commendation with valor.

We would also like to congratulate Cinda Ellis on having a namesake "Cinda Marie Norton".

Reporters ..... Cinda Ellis and Becky Dicken

SEALED WITH A KICK

by Tom and Dick Smothers

Most people's correspondence is limited to social letters, cheery monthly reminders of overdue bills and impersonal but firm missives from the Department of Internal Revenue. But because we expose our faces to several million Americans every week on television, our mailbox is something of a Pandora's box. However, being naturally curious and inordinately brave, we always do get around to opening our mail. What we find often puts our comedy writers to shame.

For instance, there was the girl who put our egos firmly in place by writing:

Dear Smothers Brothers,
May I please have a picture
of you and the other man?

And then there was the girl, a mere seven years old, but wise beyond her years, who wrote:

Dear Tommy and Dickie,
I sure hope you guys read these letters 'cause my friend says some little old lady sits around reading and answering your letters for you. I told her if I wanted to write to a little old lady,
I'd write to my Grandmother.

We'll never forget the girl who wrote to us from Chicago and submitted her order succinctly on a postcard.

Dear Sirs:
Please send me two of the Smothers Brothers.

There are always those show business aspirants who write to us for advice or for an audition. One of our favorites in this category came from a six year old guitar virtuoso and read:

Dear Smothers Brothers,
I would like to be on your show. I play the guitar. Would it be okay if it is a toy guitar?

Even adults can't seem to resist the urge to try their hand at comedy writing. A man wrote to us recently with his comments on Pat Paulsen's double talk editorials on our show:

Dear Sirs:
We of the hearing-aid manufacturers of America wish to thank you. After listening to one of your editorials the average American is sure he needs a hearing-aid. The over-all result: A boost in profits from $17,634,023.69 in 1966 to a total of $32,140,892.13 in 1967. Once more, thank you. And if you ever need a nearing aid, I can get it for 10% off.

We're saving that letter. You never can tell.

But our favorite letters are still from the kids -- they're nothing if not honest.

Dear Smothers Borthers,
I like your show. Mama likes your songs with guitar and big fiddle. Dad loves Pat Paulsen but HATES big-nosed long-haired groups! My sister is snotty and won't listen to anything but classical music. I have no brothers. And with Mama on the pills it don't look like I will get one either. God bless your show. My bike's busted again.

The all time winner as our favorite letter, though, is the one we still drag out when we feel the need to regain our perspective. To us it really puts it where it's at:

Dear Tommy and Dickie:
Do you like being in show business -- and what do you do for a living?

(Reprinted from "WORLD COUNTDOWN" Magazine Vol. 5:1.)

Introducing

Helen McClintock began work on December 2 as Secretary to the Controller. Helen, who was born and raised in Kansas, now resides in Richmond with her two children.

Peggy Lear joined the Data Processing Department as a Keypunch Operator on December 5. Peggy, her husband, Ronald, and their two children reside here in Richmond.

William Wight joined Mercury as Engineering Manager on December 9. After completing pre-engineering courses at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, Bill attended the University of Illinois, where he received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering. He has applied his creative engineering talent ot invent several mechanical items and he now has patents for a coupling and a clutch appartus with two more patents pending for an imprinter and a printing machine. A registered professional engineer, he is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Bill, his wife, June, and their four children reside in Richmond.

Doris Lorton assumed the duties of Secretary to the Director of Manufacturing on November 25. Doris comes to us from Wallace Metal Products. She and her husband, Henry, and their two children are residents of Richmond.

SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES INCREASE

You will probably wonder why there is an increase in your pay check deductions next month. The reason is that social security taxes have gone from 4.4% to 4.8% effective January 1, 1969.

On December 15, 1967, Congress passed a law amending the Social Security Act. This amendment increased social security benefits for 24 million Americans including retired and disabled workers, widows, and dependents. The new law provided a 13% across-the-board increase in benefits. It increased the minimum retirement benefit at age 65 from $44 to $55 per month and also raised, from $1500 to $1680 per year, the amount a person can earn and yet receive maximum social security benefits. It follows, of course, that a substantial increase in benefits must be supported by a substantial increase in taxes. To pay for these benefits Congress imposed higher social security taxes on 78 million employees and employers.

Mercury, as your employer, must pay as much as you do for your social security - employer and employee will pay the 4.8% rate and share equally the new tax burden. Actually this means that 9.6% of the total taxable payrolls earned here in 1969 will be taken by the government to help pay the costs of the Social Security System. The Company will pay as much as $374.40 for your social security this year.

The following is a schedule of the tax increases for the years to come. As you can see, the tax rate will automatically increase five more times in future years. If you can judge by past history, however, we can expect additional hikes long before 1987.

YEAR	YOUR TAX RATE	MAXIMUM TAX
1969-70	4.8%	$374.40
1971-72	5.2%	405.60
1973-75	5.65%	440.70
1976-79	5.7%	444.60
1980-86	5.8%	452.40
1987 & after	5.9%	460.20

What about future increases? The law passed by Congress will gradually increase social security taxes until 1987, when the rate will be 5.9%. The maximum tax at that time - to be split between employee and employer equally - will be $920.40.

Social security should not be a welfare program. Basically it is a retirement system which is financed by American working men and women and their employers. The Social Security System could become just another welfare program if the right to social security benefits is not related to contributions made by you in the form of social security taxes. Those who receive benefits out of proportion to their contributions place a financial strain on the System. It is important to you that the Social Security System be financially sound. Only then will it be able to pay you benefits when it is your turn to collect. You should take an active interest in the administration of your Social Security System. You can do this by making sure your Senators and Representatives require that this System not be strained beyond its capacity.

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DISC JOCKEY

We want to welcome Nancy Meyer back to D.J. and also wish to welcome Linda Gilbert, our newest co-worker, to our department. And we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Birthdays: Natalie Wright, December 3; Florence Derago, December 4.

Anniversaries: Naomi Tanner, December, 28.

Reporter ..... Carolyn Patterson

INJECTION 2ND SHIFT

Mildred Kidder's son, who was serving in Vietnam, is now recuperating in a hospital in Japan. She is expecting him home for Christmas.

Earsley Herron received her Christmas gift early this year: her first grandchild was born November 29 - a seven-pound boy named Jamie Ray.

Lela Gregory's daughter who is attending college at Georgetown, Ky., will be home to spend the holidays.

Denver Abner was married December 1 in the Church of God Church, Richmond.

We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas dinner in our department.

We are glad to have Kenneth Grimes back with us after his recent stay in the hospital.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Birthdays: Ruth Thurman, December 9; Grace Hahn, January 1.

Reporter ..... Earsley Herron

ALBUMS

Robert Householder has returned to work after a ten-month tour of duty in Vietnam. We are glad to have him back, safe and sound.

We were happy to hear that Hazel Willis' husband has returned to work and has recovered from the heart attack he suffered in August. This family certainly can say they have a lot to be thankful for. Hazel's son was home for Thanksgiving for the first time in 11 years.

Best of luck to Jim Jewett who recently transferred to the Maintenance Dept. as an electrician apprentice.

Reporter ..... Hazel Willis

RECORD STORE

Your friendly Record Store attendants; from left: Chris Shively, Pat Delk.

We are aware that everyone would like to know more about the Record Store and its operation. Chris Shively and myself have tried to give everyone a wide selection of the type of music they most enjoy. This is difficult to do with the limited space and the large number of employees we have. People, as you know, have varied tastes in music. Mercury's numerous labels offer much from Classics to Country and Western.

The simplest way to select your LP's is come to the record store and look around. We are open every Thursday from 11:00 - 1:00 P.M. and from 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. The first two hours are for 1st shift factory and office personnel, and the last hour is for 2nd shift personnel (and those who forgot about the morning hours).

We will be glad to order any record that you may have seen in the plant, but do not find in the store. All we need is the numerical number on the album. We can, however, help you with the numbers if all you have is the name of the album. There is an an employee catalog, for loan only, if you wish to use it. It must be returned, within a day or two, to Chris or myself in the Accounting Office.

The LP's are only $1.00 except Wing, Cumberland, and Childrens Albums, which are $.50. Seven inch are $.25 each. We generally do not carry 7" records unless requested.

Any time you purchase a record and you find it defective, by all means return it with your copy of the sales slip to Chris or myself and we will replace it at no charge.

All special orders must be picked up within a two-week period. We cannot possibly hold orders any longer due to limited space. Please remember to pick up your records in the lobby after purchase. They sometimes get lost or mislaid if not taken home at the end of the day. After records have once left the store, we can no longer be responsible for them. At one time we replaced these lost records at no charge, but this cannot be done anymore due to the increase in losses. It would help if everyone would check their records before leaving the plant to insure that you do not have another person's records attached to your own.

All HEP items should be ordered and picked up in the store. We have sheets of information concerning these items.

This just about covers everything. If you have any questions please feel free to ask us. The Record Store is for your benefit, so if you have any suggestions, please feel free to give them. We really have open minds and welcome your recommendations.

I will try and keep you informed on all news concerning the record store, new releases, etc., in future issues of The Turntable.

P.S.: Wanted - a good home for a spayed female - 1½ years old - house broken - very friendly - Border Collie. See Pat in Accounting.

Recorder ..... Pat Delk

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool -- shun him;

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is ignorant -- teach him;

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep -- wake him;

But he who knows, and knows that he knows, is a wise man -- follow him.

---Arabic Proverb

MACHINE SHOP

Sorry girls! You must mark one more eligible batchelor off your list. Bobby Hubble was married to Margie Grimes (she is the sister of Phyllis Tyra in Record Finishing) on November 30.

Mac Ellington is hale and hearty after being off work for six weeks for surgery.

Reporter ..... Al Reeves

QUALITY CONTROL/ COMPRESSION 2ND SHIFT

Hazel Smith is very happy these days; her daughter and grandson are home with her to stay. Also, Hazel's daughter is getting married to Ford Swafford on January 25.

We sure were sorry to hear that Faye Gray is back in the hospital. I know that she would like to hear from her friends - send your cards to Grandview Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

Nancy Hollingsworth is on maternity leave beginning this month. The department had a baby shower for her before she left.

We all wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Birthdays: Ruby Alsip, December 4; Carolyn Davis, December 29.

Anniversaries: Geneva Newton, December 18.

Reporter ..... Mary Holmes

MATRIX

Mary Crowell is in style these days; she came to work wearing right and left shoes that do not match.

Bill Estridge is looking for a good beagle for hunting purposes. Anyone who has one for sale, or knows of one for sale, please contact Bill in Matrix, 2nd shift.

Danny Senese had a nice Thanksgiving - he went to Dayton for dinner. When he found out his host's t.v. was out of order, he rushed back to Richmond to watch the ball game at home.

Charles VanSickle is busy hanging contact paper for Glenna in their kitchen.

Bill Estridge, Bob Minton, and Charlie VanSickle went hunting recently - not much luck. "Dead-eye Bob" got one, though.

Raymond Christopher is having a hard time getting the road by his house fixed. The County started working on it the day before election day. It seems that any day it rains, that is the day they come to work on it.

Everyone is getting ready for the holidays. We all wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Birthdays: Bill Estridge, December 16; Dan Senese, December 29; Ed Estridge, December 30; Charlie Van Sickle, January 11.

Reporter ..... Junior Fellers

CAMERA & PRINTING

The following Christmas prayer was submitted by Jim Hughes ot the Printing Department:

Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding;
That the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified;
That men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them;
That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses;
That the true spirit of this Christmas Season-its joys, its beauty, its hope, and above all its abiding faith-may live among us;
That the blessings of peace be ours, the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

Everyone in Camera and Printing wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy birthday to Jim Cox on Dec. 4 and Don Clagett on Dec. 11.

Reporter ..... Lucille Fister

ACCOUNTING

Ho - Ho - Ho, Christmas time is here again. The girls of Accounting have decorated the General Office and erected a tree.

Along with celebrating Christmas, the men of the Cost Department also celebrate birthdays: Bill Lange, December 1 Jim Dorsten, December 19; and Gordon Arnold, December 30. Happy Birthday to three old men.

Bill Lange celebrated his first anniversary with the company on December 4.

We welcome two new people to Mercury: Doris Lorton and Helen McClintock. Both are secretaries and reside in Richmond. Glad to have you with us.

Also want to welcome Tony Norton who has been temporarily transferred from the Engineering Dept. to Accounting. He will be working on asset numbering of all pieces of machinery belonging to Mercury.

Reporter ..... Roger Steele

PRODUCTION CONTROL

I would like to begin by wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year--may all of your hearts be filled with the peaceful and happy spirit of the Christmas season.

Everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday, however, several of us returned to work after the big feast with plans for fantastic crash diets. By the following weekend we were all slim and trim again and ready for the annual Christmas Party.

Production Control had a tremendous turnout at the annual Christmas Party for salaried employees on December 7, at the Elk's Country Club. The entire evening was delightful, the dinner delicious, the entertainment great, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Keith and Alta Clark entertained several friends at their home after the Christmas Party. The special attraction at the Clark's home was their dog, Dolly. Everyone certainly enjoyed themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller are going to have a very happy Christmas this year. Their son, Spec/4 Barry Miller, is home after spending the past eighteen months stationed in Nuremberg, Germany, with the Army. He will leave January 5, for tour in Viet Nam.

Private Keith Lamott, son of Mr. and Mr. Alvin Lamott, began basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey, December. Before their son's departure, the Lamott family had a special Thanksgiving dinner in his honor.

We have a new addition to our office and Janet Studebaker, our TWX operator, seems to be pleased. A Model 35 Controlmatic Teletypewriter arrived recently, leased by the General Telephone Company. We call it a TWX machine, "TWX" means Teletypewriter Exchange Service. Janet told me some of the features on the new TWX machine enabled the operators to communicate orally and to send or receive messages at 100 words per minute when transmitting--the old TWX machine manages 60!

I have one more greeting to make and that is a birthday greeting to Gary Knox whose birthday is December 25. Happy Birthday and Merry Christmas, Gary!

Reporter ..... Ardis Reed

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